

ASSUMPTIONS

6. Armed conflict will be forced upon the U.S. without warning by a foreign power or group of powers.

7. Appropriate authority will provide national policy guidance for psychological warfare.

CONCLUSIONS

8. Under the conditions assumed above, and under the present Charter responsibilities of the SANAC Subcommittee for Special Studies and Evaluations, the absence of a national organization for overt psychological warfare will require that the State-Army-Navy-Air Force Coordinating Committee immediately request appropriate higher authority to designate formally the Subcommittee as the nucleus of the national Agency as approved in SANACC 304/6 and 304/12, and supported by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in SANACC 304/14; such Agency to function under policy guidance as provided for in the SANACC 304 series.

9. Under the authority provided in paragraph 9 above, said national Agency will coordinate the implementation of overt psychological warfare plans and directives of appropriate Federal departments and agencies.

10. Overt psychological warfare operational responsibilities should be assigned to Executive Departments as follows:

a. To the Department of State responsibility for overt psychological warfare activities outside of theaters of military operations;

b. To the National Military Establishment, under guidance of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, responsibility for overt psychological warfare activities within theaters of military operations.

RECOMMENDATION

11. It is recommended that the above Conclusions be approved and appropriate agencies be advised.

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Enclosure

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